



2015 Massachusetts School Report Card Overview

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL (03250310)

Westfield Public School District
(03250000)

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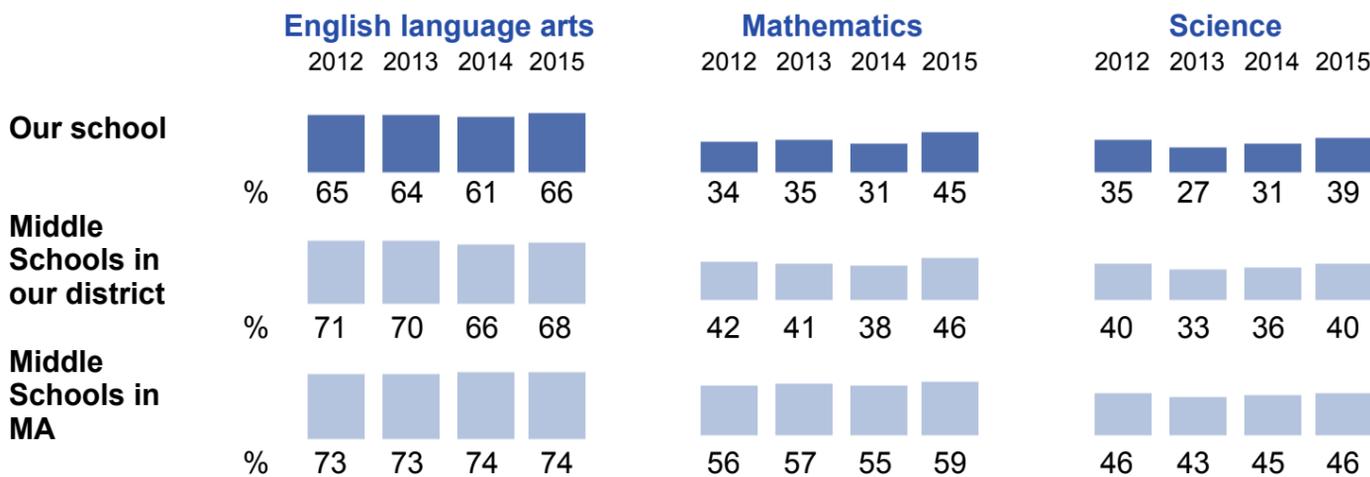
Report cards help parents/guardians and the general public see where schools and districts are succeeding and where there is still work to do. This report card overview answers important questions about our school's performance. For the full report card containing additional data contact the school's principal or visit the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website at <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu>. For more information about report card data, visit our [Profiles Help](#) page.

How is our school doing overall?

Accountability and assistance levels		School percentile										
Our school	Level 3 Among lowest performing 20% of schools and subgroups	School percentiles (1-99) indicate how a school is performing overall compared to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. Our school's percentile is below. Lowest performing (1) to Highest performing (99)										
Our district	Level 3 One or more schools in the district classified into Level 3											
Most schools are assigned a level from 1-5, with those meeting their proficiency gap-narrowing goals in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Levels 4 and 5. A district is typically assigned a level based on the level of its lowest performing school. Placing schools and districts into levels helps districts know which schools need more support, and helps the state know which districts need the most assistance. More information is available here: http://www.mass.gov/ese/accountability .		Overall progress in narrowing gaps Massachusetts aims to reduce proficiency gaps by half between 2011 and 2017.										
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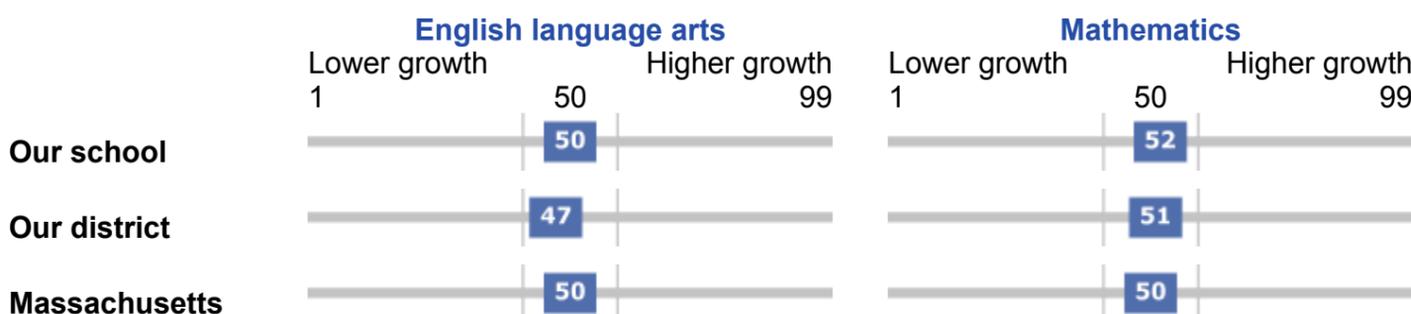
How does our school's achievement over time compare to the district and the state?

Students scoring proficient or above on **Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), 2012-2015**



How does our school's growth compare to the district and the state?

Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) measure gains in student achievement from year to year. SGPs between 40 and 60 represent moderate growth. Our school's median SGPs for 2015 are below. (Note: Growth values are truncated.)



How does our school's enrollment compare to the district and the state?

Total enrollment	Our school	Our district	Our state
	602	5,696	955,844
By high needs population	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
	# %	# %	# %
Economically disadvantaged students	223 37.0	371 29.4	41,552 23.6
Students with disabilities	115 19.1	235 18.6	31,057 17.6
English language learners	34 5.6	35 2.8	9,515 5.4

How do our school's teachers and classrooms compare to the district and the state?

General information	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
Teachers (#)	49.0	99.5	13,646.7
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers (%)	97.9	99.1	96.3
Average class size (#)	-	-	-
Student : teacher ratio	12.3 to 1	12.7 to 1	12.9 to 1

How is our school doing on other important measures?

Attendance	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
2015 Attendance rate (%)	94.1	94.8	95.4
2015 Average days absent per student (#)	10.3	9.1	8.0
2015 Chronic absenteeism rate (%)	18.6	13.4	10.2
Discipline			
2015 In-school suspension rate (%)	3.4	2.5	2.4
2015 Out-of-school suspension rate (%)	2.9	3.6	4.3
High school completion	Our school	Our district	Our state
2013 5-year graduation rate (%)	-	84.7	87.7
2014 4-year graduation rate (%)	-	85.9	86.1
2014 annual dropout rate (%)	-	1.2	2.0
2013 graduates attending institutions of higher education* (%)	-	71.8	76.6
2015 12th graders taking 1+ Advanced Placement courses (%)	-	40.2	39.7
2015 Advanced Placement tests with scores of 3 or higher (%)	-	41.9	66.3
2015 SAT average score - Reading	-	511	508
2015 SAT average score - Writing	-	487	497
2015 SAT average score - Math	-	504	521
2014 MassCore** - Completing a rigorous course of study (%)	-	70.7	72.4

*Postsecondary enrollment data includes any student enrolling in an institution of higher education within 16 months of earning a high school diploma

**MassCore: 4 years of English, math, & science, 3 years of history, 2 years of a foreign language, 1 year of arts & 5 additional "core" courses

What else should you know about our school?

South Middle School is a Level Three school which places us in the 15th percentile. To address some of the issues that place SMS at a Level 3 we have developed an Instructional Leadership Team that works to address issues involving instruction, curriculum and interventions. Some of the interventions for students include increasing the number of Adult Mentors for students at our school, increasing the number of Saturday School days, which are used to assist students who are in danger of or are failing, and offering an afternoon STEM program for students that are struggling academically. We continue to successfully use Read 180 and Math 180 for students that need support in those academic areas. We will continue to target those that need assistance academically, while improving on the areas of strength at SMS. Please contact the Guidance Office for more information.

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